

negotiable instruments, said portable, hand-held dispenser comprising:

a wireless receiver that receives dispensing information for a particular negotiable instrument from an authorizing computer;

a microprocessor that is coupled to said wireless receiver, that receives said dispensing information from said wireless receiver, and that generates printing information based upon said dispensing information;

a printer that is coupled to said microprocessor, that receives said printing information from said microprocessor, and that prints said particular negotiable instrument when said printing information is received from said microprocessor;

a battery that provides power to said microprocessor, said wireless receiver, and said printer;

a dispenser body that houses said wireless receiver, said microprocessor, said printer, and said battery, and that is a size and weight that allows said portable, hand-held dispenser to be carried in a single hand of the user; and

an input mechanism that is coupled to said microprocessor and that allows the user to submit a telephone mode command to said microprocessor, wherein said microprocessor causes said portable, hand-held dispenser to operate as a telephone and enables the user to place a voice telephone call upon said telephone mode command being received at said microprocessor.

57. (Twice Amended) [The method of claim 56, further comprising] A method for requesting and dispensing negotiable instruments in a portable, hand-held dispenser, said method comprising:

receiving a wireless transmission of
dispensing information for a particular negotiable
instrument;

generating printing information based upon
said dispensing information;

printing said particular negotiable instrument
using said printing information;

housing said portable, hand-held dispenser in
a dispenser body that is a size and weight that allows said
portable, hand-held dispenser to be carried in a single hand
of a user; and

operating said portable, hand-held dispenser
as a telephone for placing a voice telephone call upon a
telephone mode command being received from the user.

REMARKS

This application was allowed on November 5, 1999. The issue fee has not yet been paid. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a), applicant respectfully requests cancellation of claims 27, 29, 56, and 58-60 without prejudice, and entry of the foregoing amendments of claims 28 and 57, in order to allow the present application to issue with the remaining claims and to allow the applicant to address newly raised issues of patentability as to claims 27, 29, 56, and 58-60 in a continuation application.

More particularly, applicant requests cancellation and amendment of claims 27, 29, 56, and 58-60 in order to address issues of patentability that were raised by the European Patent Office while acting as the International Preliminary Examining Authority in connection with applicant's counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application (International Application No. PCT/US98/19681). The European Patent Office raised these issues of patentability in a Written Opinion that was issued just prior to the issuance of